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Wall Street Journal: "Obama to Castigate Wall Street ... President Barack Obama will return to Manhattan's Cooper Union on Thursday, two years after a campaign speech that laid out his vision for Wall Street, to castigate a financial industry that he will say has too often forgotten the ordinary Americans who have suffered from its reckless irresponsibility."

Wall Street Journal: "Rifts Imperil Overhaul of Global Banking Rules ... The globally coordinated response to the financial crisis has given way to nationalistic bickering, imperiling hopes that governments around the world can come up with a fix for outdated international-banking rules."

Wall Street Journal: "The Busted Homes Behind a Big Bet ... The government's civil-fraud allegation against Goldman Sachs Group Inc. centers on a deal the firm crafted so that hedge-fund king John Paulson could bet on a collapse in U.S. housing prices."

Wall Street Journal: "Geithner: No Warning on Goldman Suit ... The Treasury Department and the Obama administration didn't have any advanced warning that federal securities regulators were preparing to file a civil lawsuit against Goldman Sachs Group, alleging fraud over mortgage securities, Treasury Secretary Timothy Geithner said."

Wall Street Journal: "Car Makers Stabilize Year After Bailouts ... Nearly a year after two big U.S. auto makers were bailed out by government-engineered bankruptcies, both offered tentative signs of a turnaround, with General Motors Co. repaying \$6.7 billion to the U.S. government ahead of schedule and Chrysler Group LLC reporting a first-quarter operating profit and boosting its cash reserves."

Wall Street Journal: "Obama to Keep Goldman Funds ... President Barack Obama won't return about \$1 million that employees of Goldman Sachs Group Inc. donated to his 2008 presidential campaign, according to a spokesman for the Democratic National Committee."

Wall Street Journal: "Troubled-Asset Plan Sees Progress on Smaller Scale ... The U.S. Treasury Department's main plan to deal with the troubled mortgage securities at the heart of the financial crisis is happening on a much smaller scale than originally envisioned."

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Wall Street Journal: "Angels Out of America ... Senator Chris Dodd's 1,400-page financial reform bill contains many economic land mines, and here's one of the worst: Provisions that would make it harder for business start-ups to raise seed capital."

Wall Street Journal: "The Two Issues to Watch on Financial Reform ... We may now be approaching the final act of the lengthy legislative drama of financial regulatory reform. While reformers still have miles to go before they sleep, the prospects for getting a good bill through Congress have brightened considerably since health reform passed."

Washington Post: "Obama to ask CEOs to abandon 'furious efforts' to block financial overhaul ... President Obama's

speech in Manhattan on Thursday marks the culmination of a strategic, month-long acceleration of his personal involvement in financial regulation, according to White House and Treasury Department officials."

Washington Post: "Along with SEC, other investigators and suits may target Goldman Sachs ... As investigators in Massachusetts considered charging Wall Street firms for their role in the financial collapse, they focused on Goldman Sachs because it had bundled and sold the shoddiest of subprime mortgage loans, setting up the housing market for a greater fall by continuing to sell shaky securities even as other banks withdrew."

Washington Post: "Wall Street heavyweight John Paulson under SEC glare in Goldman case ... Hedge fund titan John Paulson -- who made \$3.7 billion in 2007 alone -- has been called "the man who made too much" by Portfolio magazine."

Washington Post: "IMF world outlook warns of debt in developed world, inflation in emerging markets ... The International Monetary Fund released its latest World Economic Outlook on Wednesday, showing renewed growth through much of the world."

Washington Post: "Senators close to a deal on financial regulation bill ... Key members of both parties said Wednesday that they are close to agreeing on the main elements of a bill to overhaul the nation's financial regulations, raising the prospect that the Senate could begin formal discussion of the landmark legislation early next week."

Washington Post: "SEC's Schapiro rejects claims that Democrats' agenda spurred Goldman case ... Saying she was "disappointed by the rhetoric," the chairman of the Securities and Exchange Commission on Wednesday forcefully rejected Republican lawmakers' claims that the agency filed its fraud suit against Goldman Sachs in an effort to support the work of the White House and congressional Democrats seeking to pass an overhaul of financial regulation."

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Washington Post: "Obama pulls out his boxing gloves in Calif. ... What does President Obama's visit to California this week on behalf of embattled Sen. Barbara Boxer have to do with passage of the financial reform bill? Far more than you'd imagine."

Washington Post: "Goldman's rendezvous with reality ... It's unclear whether the Securities and Exchange Commission can prevail over Goldman Sachs in court. Goldman's legal obligations in this complex and contested transaction are murky. But whatever happens in court, the complaint against Goldman represents a watershed. It challenges a moral transformation on Wall Street that has justified behavior that most people would regard as deceptive or dishonest."

NY Times: "Obama Issues Sharp Call for Reforms on Wall Street ... President Obama is traveling to the shadow of Wall Street on Thursday to counter what he calls "the furious efforts of industry lobbyists" trying to weaken or kill new financial regulations that he says are needed to stave off a second Great Depression."

NY Times: "Obama Looks to Close Sale on Financial Reform ... Just over three years ago, early in his uphill campaign for president, Senator Barack Obama wrote to the Federal Reserve chairman and the Treasury secretary calling for a summit conference to address signs of trouble in the housing and financial markets."

NY Times: "Bill on Finance Wins Approval of Senate Panel ... Senate Republicans and Democrats predicted on Wednesday that Congress would soon pass a far-reaching overhaul of the nation's financial regulatory system, indicating a potentially swift resolution of the latest partisan firefight on Capitol Hill."

NY Times: "Goldman Executives Are Expected to Testify Before Senate Panel ... The government's case against Goldman Sachs is about to get its first public airing, in what could be a gripping preview of the legal battle to come."

NY Times: "Dance of the Derivatives ... The United States Senate. Feel the love."

NY Times: "After Goldman ... After the government sued Goldman Sachs for fraud, a lot of politicians vowed to finally clean up the system."

LA Times: "Financial regulation reform faces stiff opposition ... As President Obama heads to New York City on Thursday to press for a major overhaul of financial rules, he faces stiff opposition by Wall Street to the toughest proposed regulatory crackdown since the Great Depression."

USA Today: "Obama sells fix for monitoring Wall Street ... President Obama heads to the nation's financial center today to try to capitalize on what may be the Democrats' most popular policy proposal: regulating Wall Street."

USA Today: "Banks receiving government aid cut loans ... Banks that received federal assistance during the financial crisis reduced lending more aggressively and gave bigger pay raises to employees than institutions that didn't get aid, a USA TODAY/American University review found."

USA Today: "Without federal aid, banks plot different course ... BBVA Compass Bank, the nation's 15th largest, was one of the biggest financial institutions to survive the economic crisis without aid from the federal government's Troubled Asset Relief Program."

USA Today: "Our view on financial reform (Part I): Rein in Wall Street before history repeats itself ... With the economy finally starting to rebound, it's worth pausing for a moment to recall the roots of the financial crisis that cost millions of jobs and spawned untold misery."

USA Today: "Opposing view: Reforms miss the mark ... America's broken financial regulatory structure contributed to the loss of 7 million jobs in the current recession. The U.S. Chamber of Commerce is leading the effort to create more than 20 million jobs in the next 10 years, and we're urging Congress to pass financial reforms that help reach that goal."

Washington Times: "Dodd pushes to get bill on derivatives to floor ... Senate Democrats on Wednesday resumed their drive to enact sweeping changes in the nation's financial system even as they met behind the scenes with Republicans to try to forge a bipartisan bill."

Washington Times: "Obama keeps up pressure for financial reform ... President Obama is taking his argument for stronger oversight of the financial industry to the place where the economic meltdown began. Without change on Wall Street, he says, America is doomed to repeat the past."

Washington Times: "LUGAR: Reform before re-funding ... When global financial leaders gather in Washington next week for the World Bank-International Monetary Fund (IMF) annual meetings, one item will be at the top of the agenda - winning new funding from the United States and other donors so the institutions can replenish their coffers, depleted by the global economic crisis."

Bloomberg: "Banks Punished in Swaps as Industrial Gap Soars: Credit Markets ... Investors are paying record high rates to protect bonds of banks in Europe from default relative to the rest of the market as the region's fiscal crisis deepens, while payments tied to the debt of U.S. financial companies soar on concern about tougher regulation."

Bloomberg: "Obama to Urge Tough Rules to Avoid Future Crisis (Update1) ... President Barack Obama will say today that the U.S. risks dooming itself to a repeat of the economic crisis unless tougher financial industry regulations are enacted by Congress."

POLITICO: "President Obama to urge GOP to join reform bid ... President Barack Obama on Thursday will urge Senate Republicans to join him on financial regulatory reform in order to make sure that the "failure of responsibility" that led to the financial crisis will not be repeated."